

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER  
MAY 26, 2009**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	Present
Board member Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Absent

Also present were Police Chief Douglas Tarvin, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Building Commissioner David Seger, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. Two of the three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Schmitt invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 12, 2009. A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM – JASPER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Telecommunicator Gerald Gagne explained the details of the renovation project of the communications system at the police department.

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein said a Notice to Bidders was published in the Herald on May 6 and May 13, 2009. She opened the following bid that contained a non collusion affidavit:

Advanced Radio Communications  
\$194,600.11 Bid  
\$ 920.00 estimate for console position spares kit

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to take the single bid under advisement and have the police department review the specifications and report back at the next meeting. Motion carried 2-0.

## **FORKLIFT QUOTES FOR STREET DEPARTMENT**

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein opened and read the following sealed quotes for a 5,000 lb. forklift with no trade-in:

M.H. Equipment Evansville, In.	\$22,519.08 Hyster [gas powered] + 977.00 side shift carriage (optional)  \$22,900.00 alternate bid Hyster with side shift carriage [LP gas powered]
Black Equipment Evansville, In.	\$20,748.08 Yale
Equipment Depot Evansville, In.	\$24,183.00 Caterpillar \$23,068.00 Nissan \$22,429.00 Mitsubishi

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to take the quotes for the forklift under advisement and report back at the next meeting. Motion carried 2-0.

## **FEDERAL SURPLUS VAN**

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle reported that last Thursday he visited the Federal Surplus warehouse in Indianapolis and picked up a few things, but the pickings are slim. He stated the City has a credit balance on its account from the train transaction. Eckerle said he wants to replace the 1985 Dodge Van and place it in an auction. He said he found a 1993 Cargo Van that is in excellent shape and has 28,000 registered miles for a cost of \$2,900.00 so he contacted Mayor Schmitt about purchasing the item. The van would be used for transporting various things on job projects and would eliminate the credit balance.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept and allow the street commissioner to acquire from Federal Surplus a 1993 C3 van for \$2,900.00 to be used for miscellaneous jobs at the street department. Motion carried 2-0.

## **RESOLUTION NO. BPWS 2009-7**

Mayor Schmitt presented a resolution that sets fees for recycling bins and lids.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to pass and adopt Resolution No. BPWS 2009-7. Motion carried 2-0.

Under discussion, Mayor Schmitt stated the City has a recycling program and previously received grants from IDEM to purchase recycling bins and lids but the funds are dried up and now the total cost of the bins falls on the City. The cost for the City to purchase a bin is approximately \$8.00 and \$4.00 for a lid.

Schmitt said each residence that qualifies for trash pick up is entitled to one free bin and one free lid. Additional bins and lids may be purchased for \$8.00 and \$4.00 each, respectively which includes sales tax.

Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle said recycling is free and one may use any type of container but the containers from the City have a good track record of lasting. The original bins have been used for 12-14 years. Mayor Schmitt said he would encourage people to use the bins from the City but they do not have to use them.

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein stated the resolution and changes are effective June 1, 2009.

### **ICE STORM FEMA REIMBURSEMENT**

Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider said the City received its first disaster relief payment from FEMA from the January 2009 ice storm. The payment, \$33,353.65, was for 75% of the total cost for debris removal which was 44,471.53. A balance of \$442.72 is due for the administrative costs for that portion of the removal. The reimbursement was for the following departments; Street Department \$29,273.70, Electric Distribution \$3,153.57, and the Park Department \$926.38.

The Board members 'thanked' Schneider for all the work and his persistence.

### **CITY ENGINEER REPORTS**

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported he received a commitment and payment from Matrix about participating in the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program for the sidewalk project on 4<sup>th</sup> Street from Main Street to Newton Street. He said he received a verbal commitment from the other property owners, but no payment has been received.

Hurm said he attended an INDOT preconstruction meeting and reconstruction on Hwy 164 from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to the Patoka River Bridge is on the schedule now.

### **HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS**

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang reported to the board the names of property owners and the location that has been cited under 5.12.040 weed removal/notice. The names and locations are as follows:

<b>Owners</b>	<b>Location</b>
Bob & Tammy Hyde	1466 W 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Petry's 1 <sup>st</sup> Add. Lot 39
Dan & Brenda Marcum	725 Margaret Drive, East Heights Lot 12
Seagull Properties, LLC	2464-2462 Terry Lane, Fairway Park Lot 7
Ruby Fern Gramelspacher Trust	34 <sup>th</sup> & Villa field, Victory Villa 6 <sup>th</sup> Add, Lots 143 to 150 all lots
Chad & Jolie Painter	W Division Rd, Algonquin Valley Lot 1
Ralph Schepers Trustee	W Division Rd, PT W1/2 SW35-1-5
Michael Winkel & Amy Merkley	W Division Rd, Algonquin Valley Lot 6
Berg Farms	W Division Rd, Algonquin Valley Lot 5
William E Lehmkuhler Rev Trust	Heartland Acres Lots 1,2,3 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave & Wernsing

### **POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Police Chief Douglas Tarvin reported that there were no major problems with graduation this weekend; certain officers participated in the Operation Pullover program looking for seatbelt violations; he met with the Strassenfest committee about street closings during the fest; and some officers participated in the Dubois County Veterans Memorial Day Service over the weekend.

Board members wished Tarvin a Happy Birthday.

### **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY WALK**

Administrative Assistant Lois Kuntz said on May 27, 2008 the American Cancer Society for Making Strides against Breast Cancer; received permission to use the Riverwalk area including Dave Buehler Plaza on October 3, 2009. They want to change the date of their event from October 3, 2009 to October 17, 2009.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to approve the request of the American Cancer Society to change their event date from October 3, 2009 to October 17, 2009. Motion carried 2-0.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Mayor Schmitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved \_\_\_\_ with   X   without corrections or clarification this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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**Mayor William J. Schmitt**  
**Presiding Officer**

**Attest:**

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**Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer**

Margaret A. Kress, Recording Secretary